

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. Claims 1-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). Applicants have cancelled claims 1-27 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application to capture the subject matter of originally filed claims 1-27. Applicants note that the cancellation of claims 1-27 is not an admission that Applicants agree with the Examiner's determination that claims 1-27 are properly rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 and under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). Applicants traverse these rejections for at least the reasons stated in previous correspondences. Applicants further assert that by Applicants cancelling claims 1-27, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101 and under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) are moot. Applicants have added claims 28-45 and hence claims 28-45 are pending. Applicants respectfully assert that newly added claims 28-45 are patentable and therefore request the Examiner to allow claims 28-45.

CONCLUSION

As a result of the foregoing, it is asserted by Applicants that claims 28-45 in the Application are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request an allowance of such claims. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call Applicants' attorney at the below listed number if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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